

## **COVID-19 Update – October 5, 2020**

**NJ new positives – 522 (167 – Ocean Co., 86 Lakewood) NJ new deaths – 2  
54.7% White, 18.3% Black, 20.2% Hispanic, 5.5% Asian, 1.8% Other**

**Statewide totals: 208,713 positives and 14,351 deaths (and 1,787 probable)**

**Hospitalizations – 507 (320 known positive and 187 pending investigation)  
ICU/Critical Care – 102; Ventilators – 34**

**Spot Rate of Positivity – 2.62% statewide (from Oct. 1)  
Regional Positivity: North 2.18%; Central 3.50%; South 2.56%**

**Statewide Rate of Transmission remains above 1 (1.27)**

**Atlantic County Daily and Cumulative Data available at:**

**<https://www.atlantic-county.org/covid/daily-counts.asp>**

Governor addressed Trump fundraiser at golf club in Bedminster. CDC believes NJDOH has been doing its job with respect to contact tracing; 206 exposures, half of whom are NJ residents; 19 facility staff tested positive, all NJ residents

Guidance for local officials for Halloween events:

1. Wear mask over nose and mouth
2. Treats should be arranged so only the person receiving the treat touches it
3. Outdoor distribution preferred
4. Guidance will be provided for hayrides

Dept. of Children and Families is working to expedite licensing of some childcare centers to help expand accessibility throughout the state as well as increase eligibility for assistance from \$75,000 to \$150,000

Bear Hunt – amendment to suspend bear hunts in NJ after this season so there can be more discussion on black bear hunting; after 2020 there will be no more bear hunting during Murphy's term; future discussions will be on managing the black bear population without harm (CT. has done this successfully)

**Voter Registration Deadline – October 13**

New Covid-19 App for exposure notifications is now available on Google Play or Apple Store

## **NJDOH**

Mercer County is reporting an outbreak of Covid-19 cases at its election offices; staff is working with public health

## **COMPLIANCE**

Two E.O. violations for exceeding capacity limits

Several members of NJ Forest Fire Service remain in California to battle wildfires

## **MEDIA Q & A**

NY Gov. Cuomo is closing schools where there are hot spots; NJ will take whatever actions are necessary

Nepotism at the SDA? Will work with appropriate parties to resolve the issue

Mail being dumped into the trash? Mail was recovered and returned for processing

Violations at Bedminster? Not yet known at this point; of the 206 in attendance, 184 have been contacted